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## Australia

### Grain and Feed

### Quarterly Lockup

### 2006

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**Report Highlights:**

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**SECTION ONE: SITUATION AND OUTLOOK****General**

Forecasts for Australian crop production remain unchanged from Post's previous report (#AS6017). Planting for the 2006/07 winter cereal crop (wheat and barley) has yet to begin in earnest, while planting of the 2007/08 summer crop is not due to begin until October 2006.

Australia is approaching the peak period for sowing the 2006/07 winter cereal crop. The bulk of this crop is usually planted in May and June although planting can continue until the second week of July. Current seasonal conditions have delayed planting in some key areas, although Post does not believe this delay will reduce area or yield.

The 2007/08 summer crop is not due to be planted until towards the end of CY 2006 so will not likely be affected by current weather conditions. Harvest is well under way for the 2006/07 summer crop although production estimates are not yet known.

Post expects to revise the 2006/07 winter cereal forecast and the 2006/07 summer crop estimate in its next report.

**Weather**

Much of the Australian winter cereal belt began suffering relatively dry conditions at the time of writing this report. Despite intense cyclone activity in northern Australia, which has seen sugarcane and horticultural crops damaged, much of the winter cereal cropping belt located in temperate areas has experienced drier than average conditions recently. Key cropping areas such as southern NSW, are facing dry conditions in the crucial period prior to planting. Conversely, northern NSW, and Southern Queensland have had excellent conditions in the lead-up to planting.

At the time of writing this report, Western Australia was experiencing "mixed" weather conditions while South Australia, Victoria and Southern New South Wales were forecast to experience light rain.

**Short-term outlook**

Post has assumed average weather conditions for the remainder of 2006, and so does not expect reduced production of winter cereals or summer crops. However, should below average rainfall be experienced over the next three months, Post would likely revise winter cereal production downwards.

**Production**

Wheat production for 2006/07 remains unchanged at 24.0 MMT, while barley production also remains unchanged at 8.9 MMT. Post forecasts remain slightly lower than ABARE forecasts of 24.5 MMT and 9.3 MMT respectively. Post's forecast for sorghum and rice remains unchanged at 1.99 MMT and 1.1 MMT respectively.

**Exports**

Exports of wheat in 2006/07 are forecast at 17.1 MMT, while barley exports are forecast 4.9 MMT. Sorghum exports are forecast at 275,000 MT while rice exports are forecast at 501,000 MT. These forecasts remain unchanged from Post's previous report.

## SECTION TWO: STATISTICAL TABLES

<b>PSD Table</b> <b>Wheat</b>							
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		10/2004		10/2005		10/2006	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	13768	13766	11800	12625	0	12807	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	5360	5218	6893	6907	7868	7785	(1000 MT)
Production	22600	22605	24000	25098	0	24000	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	75	79	75	80	0	81	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	76	78	75	79	0	80	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	28035	27902	30968	32085	7868	31866	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	14742	14395	16500	17500	0	17100	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	15826	15440	16000	17250	0	17200	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	3700	2338	3900	2600	0	2900	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	6400	6600	6600	6800	0	7000	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	6893	6907	7868	7785	0	7766	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	28035	27902	30968	32085	0	31866	(1000 MT)

<div>PSD Table</div> <div>Barley</div>							
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		11/2004		11/2005		11/2006	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	4617	4617	4100	4739	0	4645	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	1887	1847	1589	1794	1289	2182	(1000 MT)
Production	7702	7708	8500	9869	0	8900	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	9589	9555	10089	11663	1289	11082	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	4500	4261	5500	5881	0	4900	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	4481	4200	5500	5900	0	4950	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	2600	2300	2400	2400	0	2500	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3500	3500	3300	3600	0	3700	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	1589	1794	1289	2182	0	2482	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	9589	9555	10089	11663	0	11082	(1000 MT)

<b>PSD Table</b> <b>Sorghum</b>							
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		03/2005		03/2006		03/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	803	803	750	889	0	773	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	63	150	235	477	130	531	(1000 MT)
Production	2177	2184	2000	2308	0	1988	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	2240	2334	2235	2785	130	2519	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	200	262	500	299	0	275	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	370	262	500	299	0	275	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	1800	1591	1600	1950	0	1850	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1805	1595	1605	1955	0	1855	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	235	477	130	531	0	389	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2240	2334	2235	2785	0	2519	(1000 MT)

<b>PSD Table</b> <b>Rice, Milled</b>							
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		03/2005		03/2006		03/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	48	48	115	105	0	118	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	550	308	406	96	381	294	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	231	231	715	716	0	782	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	323	323	1000	1001	0	1098	(1000 MT)
MILLING RATE (.9999)	7150	7150	7150	7150	0	7150	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	125	105	110	110	0	105	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	125	105	105	105	0	110	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	906	644	1231	922	381	1181	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Exports	105	188	450	258	0	501	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Exports	100	175	500	250	0	450	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	395	360	400	370	0	380	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	406	96	381	294	0	300	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	906	644	1231	922	0	1181	(1000 MT)